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CWC 729 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

By Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, hailstorms of fire from 155mm M198 Howitzer cannons lit up the Iraqi horizon, dealing death and destruction to enemy combatants who still had the will to fight.

As the enemy faced certain defeat before the eerily glorious explosions of 155mm ammunition, what few may have known was that many of the 72 Marine Corps and about 20 Army M198 Howitzers that provided critical field artillery fire support are more than 20 years old.

Fewer still realize the crucial role Maintenance Center Barstow's Cost Work Center 729 plays in ensuring the M198 Howitzers were full-mission capable. Without CWC 729's countless hours of maintenance and restoration on the Howitzers, the cannons simply would not function.

Doug Van Dyke, artillery and small arms repair supervisor at CWC 729, claims that in the coming months at the Maintenance Center here, the artillery shop will receive anywhere from

27 to 30 cannons requiring on average more than 120 days to repair each gun.

The Marine Corps currently has a fleet of just under 600 Howitzers, at least 500 of which Van Dyke has personally seen come through the shop since Desert Storm. The cannons returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom received minimal damage due to normal wear and tear, and all 72 Marine Corps weapons are slated to return.

Although the cannons have seen vastly improved design engineering over the recent years, the weapons still undergo constant maintenance due to the stresses of fleet operation.

"We don't see much damage from enemy fire," said Van Dyke.

Weapons cycled through CWC 729 are stripped down piece by piece upon arrival at MCLB Barstow, and rigorously inspected, cleaned and repaired according to each system's needs.

Damage such as broken welds, seized bearings and broken pieces are just a fraction of the problems employees face when refurbishing the M198s.

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

David Jones, an employee at MCLB's CWC 729, attempts to pry one of a M198's Howitzer's swingarms into place.

MarAdmin updates traffic safety order

By Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG staff

Marine Administrative message 225/03, released in May, announced significant changes to Marine Corps Order 5100.19E, Marine Corps Traffic Safety Program, also known as Drive Safe.

Most notable of the changes deals with the use of cellular phones while driving a privately owned vehicle and stricter penalties for failure to use seatbelts.

The first change in the MARADMIN addresses cellular phone use.

It states that "operators of privately owned vehicles on Marine Corps installations shall not use cellular phones while the vehicle is in operation, unless they are using a hands-free device."

A hands-free device refers to a headset or earpiece with a microphone attachment and is available with most cellular phones purchased today.

If caught or seen using a cellular phone while driving a POV aboard MCLB Barstow, violators will be issued a verbal warning, according to Gunnery Sgt. David Paul, operations chief, Operations Branch, MCLB Provost Marshals office.

To get an idea how distracting using a cellular phone without a hands free device can be, the California Highway Patrol was tasked with doing a survey while investigating traffic accidents over a course of 18 months, according to its Web site www.chp.ca.gov.

The final report submitted to the governor and legislature in Novem-

ber 2002 found between January 2001 and June 2002 there were 13,637 parties involved in traffic collisions in the State of California in which the contributing factor was driver inattentiveness.

Based on that report roughly 11 percent of the collisions, or 1,524, were attributed to cellular phone use.

The hands-free device is a relatively inexpensive item to have when comparing it to a damaged vehicle or loss of life.

The MARADMIN also changed the basic order to include harsher penalties for not using a seatbelt.

According to Master Sgt. David W. Vanhovel, MCLB Barstow base inspector and traffic court judge, for the first offense drivers can expect to lose points off their driving privileges.

"The second offense is an auto-

matic 15-day suspension of driving privileges aboard this base," he said.

The MARADMIN also includes in the basic order the use of driving lights on base during periods of precipitation and other instances of reduced visibility, whether state or national law requires it.

It also stresses the wearing of reflective clothing during periods of reduced visibility.

The changes to the order reflect the Marine Corps commandant's commitment to cutting down the number of traffic accidents Marines and civilian Marines are involved in every month.

Marines and civilian Marines must apply operational risk management daily to "mitigate the associated hazards with on- and off-duty activities," he stated in ALMAR 046/03.

The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the base commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to Forumc@barstow.usmc.mil.

Q I would like to know the policy on television in the work area. There are quite a few shops that have TVs in the shop and other sections that individual employees have TVs on their benches at their workstations. What is the policy and could you pass it on to certain supervisors to enforce it. Thank you.

A There is no written policy on televisions in the work area. Government televisions are used for training purposes aboard the base. In regards to personal televisions, if allowed in the work area, employees may use them only prior to the start of the shift, during breaks and during lunch hour. During work hours, employees are expected to perform their assigned work/duties.

Put life behind words

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



Hypocrite! What a strong word and one which is used seemingly fairly often not only in church circles but in society as well.

In my dictionary hypocrite is defined as "a person who pretends to have desirable or publicly approved attitudes, beliefs, principles, etc., they do not actually possess."

Some people do this as a way of life and I believe you have an idea of who they may be.

These are the folks who say what is acceptable in public, you might call it politically correct, but don't really believe what they are saying.

Sometimes what is said changes with the crowd and then if the person gets challenged about what they said there always seems to be a way of trying to explain it away.

The way that most of us might see this on a personal level are those persons who seem to be able to find fault with others and don't seem to realize that they have glaring

faults of their own. I think they usually feel pretty safe in pointing out these "problems" with others because they believe that they have hidden their own faults so well that no one sees them.

That is kind of like the story I read today where some people saw the disciples of Jesus eating without washing their hands. They questioned Jesus about it and wondered why the disciples were not following the traditions.

I think they felt very safe in asking that question assuming that Jesus would be put on the defensive. Instead the reaction they received from Jesus just stunned them.

He told them that they were more concerned about the outside visual "signs" than about what was going on inside the people in question.

He was actually quite frank and quoting the prophet Isaiah said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are from me." It was a real slap in the face to those issuing the question.

He went on to say, "You abandon the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition."

All very challenging words and words

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Treatment of Marines comes in question after hazing

Incidents rise in Corps over pranks, jokes

ALMAR 045/03
Headquarters Marine Corps

Several Marines were recently punished by court martial for hazing related offenses. Some characterize incidents of hazing as pranks, jokes, or innocent fun. They are wrong. Our core values demand that

we treat all Marines with dignity and respect at all times.

Marines are our most precious asset. I will not tolerate any instance where one Marine inflicts any form of physical or psychological abuse that degrades, insults, dehumanizes or injures another Marine. We will protect our Marines through fair, scru-

pulous, and unbiased treatment as individuals - caring for them, teaching them and leading them. It is the obligation of each member in the chain of command to ensure that hazing in any form is not allowed and that Marines are treated, at all times, with genuine dignity, fairness and respect.

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Lance Cpl Duy Ngo, supply administration and operations clerk, Fleet Support Division, unloads a pallet loaded with NBC gear which he will later inventory, inspect and test. Ngo is from Sunnyvale, Calif.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call 577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.
At the Chapel Office.

For more info call 577-6849.



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News Briefs

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Thursdays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Lunch menu

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

Today – Breaded pork chops

Friday – Baked salmon

Monday – Beef stroganoff

Tuesday – Turkey sandwiches

Wednesday – Pork roast

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to Noon.

Cactus Cafe serves hamburgers, subs, salads and other line items available for walk in lunch. Other Family Restaurant lunch menu items, please call in your order before 9:30 a.m. to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Prices: Active duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Beef lasagna, chicken Alfredo, egg noodles, Italian vegetables, tossed green salad, dessert and choice of fountain drink. Price is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

day maximum stay. The fares are non-refundable, but no change fees will apply for changes made prior to departure.

Fares are applicable all days of the week and have no embargo dates. The appropriate military identification must be presented in person at the time of purchase. These special military fares are not available via the Internet.

Contact SATO at 577-6135 or (800) 827-7777 for more information.

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting is scheduled to start at the Youth Activities Center at 6 p.m. Aug. 20.

101 Days of Summer Challenge

The following three events remain in the 101 Days of Summer Challenge:

Aug. 15 — Desert Challenge

Aug. 19 — Alcohol and Drug Awareness Class

Aug. 28 — Barracks Bash

People who participate in the events earn points toward possibly winning a 27-inch television and more.

The challenge is sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services, the Single Marine Program and the Substance Abuse Counseling Center.

Fuel cards

As of July 21 the retail gas station no longer operates with the current fuel credit cards (green color). The credit cards are being replaced with a gas key.

If people haven't done so already, they should take their credit cards to Building 196 (northeast corner).

John Noxon will provide them with a new gas key. Each key is unique to each government vehicle, so drivers are encouraged to attach the key to the key ring of the vehicle.

The CNG station will continue to take the white credit cards.

Power outages

Due to an upgrade of the Nebo electrical system, there will be power outages on the dates, times, and locations listed below.

Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., the following buildings or locations will be affected: Warehouses 3E, 3W, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 11; Buildings 36, T-100, 15, 233, 232, 144, 145, 325, 325A, 343, 227; the golf course maintenance area/pesticide wash rack, sewer pond, filtration plan, Building 326 wastewater treatment plant.

The Wastewater Plant and Building 15 have back up generators.



Aug. 16 from 6:30 to 4 p.m., the following buildings or locations will be affected: Building 374 and the Air Quality Monitoring Station.

Aug. 18 from 6:30 to 4 p.m., the following buildings or locations will be affected: Buildings 375, 368 and 300. Building 300 has a back up generator.

For more information, call Joseph Lloren at the Public Works Division, 577-6911.

Uniform changes

MarAdmin 310/03 announced that the mandatory possession date for both one set Marine Corps combat utility uniform — woodland Marine pattern by Oct. 1, 2003, and one pair of Marine Corps combat boots — hot weather by April 1, 2004, is changed to Oct. 1, 2004.

The possession date change is due to the inability to establish retail online uniform sales of MCCUU items. The mandatory possession date is Oct. 2004.

For more information read MarAdmin 310/03.

Blood drive

A blood drive is scheduled to be held Sept. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base gym, Building 44, and at the Maintenance Center, Building T598.

All departments should submit a list of voluntary donors to the Human Resources Office no later than Aug. 29. Fleet Support Division and Installation and Logistics Department

should submit a list of donors to the Maintenance Center.

For further details, contact your organization's administrative office.

Play mornings

Starting in August, the New Parent Support Program will be sponsoring "play mornings" every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children, age 5 years old and under, to attend a fun-filled morning of crafts, toys and music. Call the New Parent Support Program at 577-6332 for location and to register.

Civilian Leadership Development Orientation

A Civilian Leadership Development Orientation is scheduled for Aug. 13-14 and Aug. 20-21 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. in the Business Performance Officer training room in the Green Wing of Building 15.

The course is designed to give an overview of the Civilian Leadership Development Program. Contact Lisa Akers at 577-6658, or send e-mail to akerslm@barstow.usmc.mil to reserve a seat.

Classic cars

The 5th Annual Main Street USA Run is scheduled for Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Barstow off the Historic Route 66 (from First to Seventh Streets).

The event supports the Boys and

Girls Club of Barstow and is open to all years of classic cars, trucks, convertibles, low riders, foreign/imports, and PT Cruisers. Pre-registration is \$20 until Aug. 29, after which it will be \$25.

New for 2003: Battle of Bands, valve cover races and children's model car contest. "Meet and greet" will be held Sept. 12 at Foster's Freeze (located on Main Street near H St.).

For more information, call (760) 255-1691.

Flag history

The Mojave River valley Museum is holding a free daily flag display titled "Our Flag, Our History. Until Aug. 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The museum is located in Barstow at 270 E. Virginia Way, at the corner of Barstow Road and Virginia Way.

Flags from almost every era of American history are represented. Along with the American flags, there will be flags from other aspects of the nation's history, like the California State flag, Marine Corps flag, San Bernardino County flag, San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department and state flags of Utah and New Mexico.

Central to the whole event is a salute to the 48-star flag and World War II. The display will feature the story of two different soldiers

Enlisted, SNCO housing occupants recognized



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Phil Alexanian's quarters won the July award for Enlisted Quarters of the Month. His wife Brandy and daughter Dorothy accepted the award.



Sons Mark, Matthew and Michael accepted the July award for Staff Noncommissioned Officer Quarters of the Month for their father, Army Sfc. Timothy S. Kramer and mother Adrienne.

ITT offers deals to MCLB

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
Editor

The Information, Tickets, and Tours office on base, better known as ITT, offers some very good deals for the people of MCLB Barstow.

Betty Green, recreation clerk at ITT, said the services are available to be used by all active duty and retired military personnel and all Department of Defense employees of the base.

The deals ITT specializes in are amusement parks. Green said they are the big ticket items, especially in the summer months. Those aren't the only discount services provided by ITT though.

They offer discount tickets many other places in Southern California, said Green.

"We also offer tickets to dinner shows like Medieval Times and Wild Bill's Dinner Show," said Green.

Other places ITT provides tickets for include the Aquarium of the Pacific, the Movieland Wax Museum, LegoLand and the Hornblower Dinner Cruise.

ITT also provides discount room rates for hotels in Los Angeles, San Diego and Las Vegas.

Green said ITT also does limited tours.

"The most popular tour we have is to Tijuana, but we go other places in the Southern California area too," said Green.

The big attraction in the hot summer months is the water parks, said Green. ITT offers tickets to water parks from Las Vegas to San Diego.

For the fishers out there, ITT sells tickets for Seaforth fishing and Dana Wharf fishing. ITT offers tickets for half day and three quarter day fishing trips.

Green said tickets to some of the

main amusement parks aren't selling because right now those parks are offering free admission to active duty service members, but she still reminds civilian employees they can still get reduced rates through ITT.

The parks that are free right now to active duty service members are Disneyland, Universal Studios and Sea World.

ITT also has brochures to interesting places all over the U.S. They may be helpful for planning a fun vacation in the future.

Green said tickets for places outside of Southern California and some places in Las Vegas can't be purchased here, but service members would be able to purchase discount tickets at military bases closer to places like Disneyworld in Florida.

For more information on ITT services, call Betty Green at 577-6541.

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which I am certain stung a great deal. What I believe was being said maybe in more modern language is that we need to put our lives behind our words.

In other words, be concerned about actually living out what you believe. Floating from one opinion to the other and changing with every new idea that comes along does not benefit you or anyone else, rather it just makes us unstable.

Instead, evaluate new ideas and see how they fit in with truth. I don't think you will make too many changes that way. Can we handle straight talk?

Sometimes it is hard to know, but I believe that most people would rather have

straight talk and straight answers than they would someone who is just telling them what they think needs to be heard. Once again we are faced with a dilemma. Do we think we can teach the whole world integrity?

How about our community of Barstow, can we teach each other how to live out truth and how to be honest?

I think we can. I think we should. It will take courage and commitment.

It will take each of us learning to be honest without being hateful and it will take each of us making up our minds that being honest is what wins friends and influences people, not how smooth we can tell someone what they want to hear.

Peace,
Fr Randel

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The problems for the cannons begin in “the field.” Carefully constructed aluminum frames begin to crystallize, weakening welds. If gussets and brackets are damaged beyond repair of their original design, workers from CWC 729 assess the situation and may possibly fabricate custom parts for each piece, said Van Dyke as he pointed out a broken support gusset on one of MCLB Barstow’s many artillery pieces temporarily stationed in a “to be repaired” lot.

“They take a beating,” said Van Dyke, adding that every day around the world the cannons are pushed to their physical limits during live-fire training and real-world combat missions.

He also pointed out the wear and tear equipment burdens in field transit.

“These cannons are being pulled by 7-ton trucks. The drivers don’t even feel them bouncing around,” quipped Van Dyke. He leveled his palm to his waist and exclaimed, “I’ve seen (M198 Howitzers) bounce this high!”

Weather can also take its toll on the weapons. Van Dyke pointed out several bearings, joints and swing-arms on the artillery that are oftentimes damaged by failure to clean them properly.

Sand blown into unsealed bearings can cause them to freeze or “seize up.” Thus weapon malfunction is inevitable, and tactical movement of the weapon may be difficult or impossible.

Van Dyke said a lot of the pieces they receive have the grease pressure-washed out of them, which may also cause bearing malfunction.

“It’s probably some young Marine trying to impress his gunnery sergeant by making the weapon absolutely spotless,” said Van Dyke as he laughed.

The efforts of CWC 729 have made more than just an impact on Marines in combat zones.

Van Dyke estimates that the CWC can refurbish a weapon for close to 10 percent of the original purchase price of about \$1.3 million, saving the Department of Defense countless dollars every fiscal year.

It is a highly specialized operation, said Van Dyke. The Rock Island Arsenal, located in Rock Island, Ill., and MCB are the

only two facilities in the United States that accommodate M198 repair.

The lack of repair facilities can lead to an overwhelming workload for the few civilian Marines who work at CWC 729.

With the recent news of the base possibly hiring up to 250 employees, Van Dyke anticipates taking on as many as 22 new members to CWC 729.

“I’ve requested more people and already made my first possible selections,” said Van Dyke.

Marine Sgt. Robert Sutton, artillery chief at MCAGCC Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., offered only praise when speaking of CWC 729.

“They can fix things that trained Marines don’t know how to,” said Sutton, adding that CWC 729 really knows their “stuff.”

“They attend classes year-round, and what they learn has saved us a lot of time and trouble because they pass it on,” said Sutton.

With the possible addition of new crew members and Maintenance Center Barstow’s tradition of quality and production, CWC 729 can look forward to a future of continuing success, but not without giving credit to the invaluable civilian Marines who make it all possible.

Van Dyke smiled with confidence and pride as he said on a final note, “Every day, these guys work to bust. This work force strives to put out a quality product.”

Editor’s Note:

The Marine Corps plans to replace M198s with a new lightweight 155mm Howitzer, also known as the LW155 or the XM-777. This system is scheduled for release in late FY 2004.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Cracked support brackets are an all-too common problem with M198 Howitzer 155mm cannons. CWC 729 supervisor Doug Van Dyke said the cracks are often caused when the M198s are being hauled.



An abundant crop of M198s awaits maintenance outside of CWC 729.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

MCLB Barstow civilian third quarter awards

40 years length of service

Manuel R Sanchez

35 years length of service

Lawrence E Chandler
 Craig S Osborne
 Harry L Horswill, Jr.
 Willie C Wright
 Claude C Tuers

30 years length of service

Timmy J. Andrews
 Timothy G. Davie
 Thomas R Kennedy
 Bernadine E Kimmerling
 Gary M. Kralik
 Joseph R. Marano
 Mickey Mundy
 Isidro I Sanchez
 Donald J Smith

25 years length of service

Anthony G Abeyta
 Bobby R. Benevidez
 James A. Briggs
 Henry Gutierrez
 Jeffrey D. King
 Michael Klemmer
 Amber K. Luna
 Peggy A. Moitoso
 Kenneth P. Speas
 Juanito G. Sto Domingo
 Glenn D. Stoops
 John R. Vasquez
 Robert A. Waterhouse
 James S. Yarbrough, Jr.

20 years length of service

Mary S. Dube
 William K. Harris
 Marion G. Hudson
 Floyd A. Lopez
 Frank S. Montano
 John E. Noxon
 Steven L. Santiago

15 years length of service

Vincent P. Bustmante
 Rufus Dominguez

William T. Hillion
 Angelina D. Pedregon

10 years length of service

Michelle S. Bledsoe
 John J. Calvacca
 John M. Espinoza
 Miguel R. Peralta

Performance Award

Thelma L.Canterbury
 Michelle A. Harrison
 Jennifer D. Kinsey
 Donna M. Peacock
 Barbara V. Rodriguez

Time Off Award

Wilfred Abeyta
 James Adams
 Anthony Aguilera
 Frank Aleman
 Fred Alley
 Frank Alston
 Michael Anderson
 Ronald Arnoldy
 George Austin
 Richard Baca (2)
 Ronnie Baca
 Terry Berg
 Kelly Berry
 Paul Biancotti
 James Bishop
 Larry Bonner
 Steve Bourbin
 James Brandon
 Gregory P. Breiner
 Andrew Bright
 Michael Burke
 Robert Cardenas
 John Carter
 Michael Clements
 Paul Clemmons (3)
 Earnest Crockan
 Donna Chisam
 Wayne Cunningham
 Donald Dailey
 Harold Davis
 Paul Dees
 Antonio Delgado
 Birdenne Delaney
 Peter Demapasco
 Richard Dominguez
 Colleen Donnelley

Wesley Donnelly
 Charles Doyle
 Ernest Duarte
 Michael Duffy
 Domingo J. Duran
 Mary Eclarino
 Michelle Eichler (2)
 Larry Eylicio
 Alfredo Escareno
 Ruben Fabunan
 Reynaldo Fernandez
 John Ferretti
 Brian Fisher
 Bob Fogle
 Paul Gallego (2)
 Paul Gallego
 Johnny Garcia
 John Garcia
 Lisa Garcia
 Toni Irvin Gentry
 Brenda German
 Cliff German
 Robert Gillenwater
 Jesse R. Greigo
 Gilmore Grieves
 Sheridan Griffith
 Dennis Hall
 Scott Haislip
 Charles Hargon
 Patrick Hazard
 Cecil Heath
 Gary Heidorn
 Larry G. Henry
 Daniel Herman
 Daniel Hernandez
 Richard Holt (2)
 Thomas Hopkins
 Jay Hunsaker
 Richard Jaramillo
 Alvin Jefferson
 Carl Kelly
 Linda Kelsey
 Eugene Knox
 Jack Kulju
 John Lamonte
 Steve Langevin
 Gregory Langston
 Michael Leach
 Bonita Littlefield
 Kirk Luse
 Joey Marin
 Michael Manness
 Michelle Marquardt
 Lupe Marquez
 Michael McCarty
 Ken McConnell

Kenneth McFauls
 David C. McKee
 David Mendez
 Rudy Mendoza
 Sherman Mitchell
 Matthew F. Montoya
 Mike Morris
 Teddy Mosier
 Craig Osborne
 Ricardo Perez
 William Perry
 Kenny Phillips
 Jerry Piper
 Michael Presley
 Paul A. Purdy, Jr.
 Joyce Richardson (2)
 Jackie Rowe
 David Russell
 Michael Russell
 Isidro Sanchez
 Al Sauer
 Eduardo Sayao
 Thomas Schaus
 Douglas Settle
 Jackie Sickler
 John Sickler
 Anthony Silva (2)
 Dewey Smith
 Don Snyder
 Patricia Snyder
 Carl Soto
 Phillip Soto
 Robert M. Springer
 Jerry W. Stapp
 Ronald Steele
 Richard Steck
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 Larry Todd
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 Douglas Van Dyke
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 Reginald West
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 Naydean Williams
 Robert Williams
 Danny Wolfe
 Todd Wood
 Thomas Yagla

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and a very interesting tattted (tatting is a form of hand making lace) 48- and 50-star flags. Along with flags are lessons on the care of the U.S. flag, flag history and a unique story for each of the flags. There will also be a children's flag coloring contest with interesting, educational prizes. Call 256-5452 for more information.

Desert Challenge

The Desert Challenge, open to all active-duty service members, will start at 6 a.m. Aug. 15 at the Family Pool.

Teams are encouraged to sign up by 1 p.m. Aug. 14 but may sign up the morning of the event. Teams of four will compete against the clock in six areas for points toward the 101 Days of Summer Challenge. The Desert Challenge will begin with a 200-yard swim. As soon as a team begins the swim, the clock starts. From the pool, the team will proceed to Sorensen Field for pull-ups, then to the Tees and Trees Golf Course for crunches, and then up Iron Mike. On the way back to the Family Pool, the team will stop by Sorensen Field again for pushups. Once the entire team has returned to the Fam-

ily Pool, the clock will stop. From there the team will move inside, get weighed, and do a maximum set of repetitions of their weight on a bench press. The pull-ups, crunches, pushups, and bench presses will be counted point for point. Teams are given 70 minutes from entering the pool to return back to the pool. Any time under 70 minutes will be awarded a point for each minute under, and anything over will be deducted a point for any minute over 70 minutes. The team with the most points wins.

Union benefits

AFGE representatives will be at the

following locations at the listed times to distribute information and answer benefits questions: Today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Union Satellite Office, Maintenance Center Barstow, Building 573. Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Union Satellite Office, Maintenance Center Barstow, Building 573. Friday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Nebo Union Office, Building 33. People are reminded that they may only speak to AFGE representatives during breaks, lunchtime, or leave. Do not visit these representatives during working hours. Call AFGE 1482 President Chris Moya at 577-7078 for more information.

Looking for a few good Spouses

A free Spouses' Leadership Seminar is scheduled for Sept. 16 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day at the San Luis Rey Officers' Club, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The Spouses' Leadership Seminar is one of the five official Marine Corps Family Team Building programs. The seminar's goals are to equip participants with the techniques, insights, and skills that will help them be more effective and successful in their role as a volunteer and a leader. Spouses interested in attending should contact Maj. Clarence T. Guthrie at 577-6073 by Aug. 15.

READY, FRONT

How to rebut an SRB entry

By Maj. Clarence T. Guthrie
Headquarters Battalion CO

All Marines are familiar (some more than others) with the passage contained in an adverse SRB entry that states: “I was advised that within 5 working days after acknowledging this entry I may submit a written rebuttal which will be filed on the document side of the service record. I choose to /not to make such a statement.”

Marines are given the right to rebut adverse material being put in their service records, and many choose to do so at the time of the adverse entry

by circling and initialing the “to” block on the entry.

Unfortunately, more times than not the rebuttal never makes it into the Marine’s SRB, because the Marine either changes their mind, or inadvertently lets the five day window pass.

The Marine is then left with an SRB that contains a mystery for future commands to figure out. Was the Marine prevented from making the rebuttal? Or is this Marine too lazy to do what they say they are going to do?

The point is: Don’t let this be you. You will know what the bad entry is

before you receive it.

Make up your mind whether you are going to rebut it before you sign the entry, then follow through with it. The Marine Corps Order states that the statement must use temperate language, be limited to pertinent facts, and it shall not question or impugn the motives of another person.

Let a disinterested officer or staff noncommissioned officer help you with it, but if you say you are going to do it, then do it.

Finally, the best way to rebut an adverse entry in your service record is don’t get one in the first place.

August awards, promotions

Promotions
Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Cherry
Sgt. Juan Calderonjuarez
Sgt. Wayne Kopanski
Cpl. Daniel Humble
Cpl. Thomas Maxwell
Lance Cpl. Melissa Coleman
Good Conduct Medal
Cpl. Christopher Janton

Sgt. Joe Huron
Martial Arts awards
<i>Brown belt</i>
Gunnery Sgt. John Green
<i>Grey belt</i>
Lance Cpl. Randol McKenzie
Lance Cpl. Anthony Spart
Pfc. Daniel Hart
<i>Tan belt</i>
Lance Cpl. Peter Vegliante

NJP results

Three Marines were tried at Non-Judicial Punishment proceedings in July. One was charged with Article 92 and received reduction in rank and forfeiture of half months pay for two months.

The second was charged with Article 92 and Article 111, and received reduction in rank, 60 days restriction and forfeiture of half months pay for two months. The third was charged with Article 121 and received reduction in rank, 60 days restriction and forfeiture of half months pay for two months.

Rifle Scores

1st. Lt. Casey Taylor
39 Sharpshooter
Staff Sgt. Hal Jones
41 Expert
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Skjelver
47 Expert
Sgt. Alejandro Arrieta
48 Expert
Cpl. Frank Weinald
41 Expert
Cpl. Wayne Kopanski
43 Expert
Cpl. Daniel Perez
42 Expert
Cpl. Jesse Madrid
33 Marksman
Lance Cpl. James Hainer
32 Marksman
Lance Cpl. Matthew Kogut
40 Expert
Lance Cpl. Marco Catano
30 Marksman
Lance Cpl. Rebekah Wavle
25 Marksman
Lance Cpl. William Rowson
36 Sharpshooter
Lance Cpl. Oliver Ellis
38 Sharpshooter
Lance Cpl. Steven White
34 Marksman





By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

August Super Sale in progress

The August Super Sale is in progress at the Super Seven Day Store and the Railhead Exchange.

Check out these bargains: Anchor Hocking 16-piece glassware set for \$9.99; Aroma 5-in-1 rice cooker, cooks 4 to 20 cups for \$24.99; JWIN CD/AM-FM boombox for \$19.99; RCA DVD/CD player with progressive scan, sale priced at \$69.99.

There is also a Clearance Rack Sale with men's and women's apparel at 50 percent off last marked price. There is also a rack with assorted apparel with 50 percent to 70 percent off last marked price.

Drop by the Super Seven Day Store or Railhead Exchange and pick

up Super Coupons, good throughout the month of August. These coupons entitle patrons to up to 40 percent off selected merchandise such as barbecue grills, home theater systems and men's casual pants.

The coupons also offer patrons \$15 off DVD players and car stereos. Pick up a set of coupons today. Coupons may also be obtained in the August issue of the MCCS Events Guide.

All sales are in progress now and will continue through Aug. 31.

For more information call the Super Seven Day Store at 256-8974. The Super Seven Day Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Railhead Exchange is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call for hours dur-

ing troop rotation. For more information call 577-7782.

Championship Tournament

The MCLB Base Championship Golf Tournament will be held at Tees n' Trees Golf Course, Saturday and Sunday.

Sign up deadline is at close of business today.

Check in time is 7 a.m., Saturday, with tee times at 7:30 a.m.

There is a \$20 entry fee, plus green fees and cart.

The tournament is limited to the first 60 registrants.

Food and beverages will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

This event is sponsored in part by Ameritac Inc., Phoenix Construction, Clauss Construction and the High Desert Mavericks Baseball Club.

No Department of Defense or Marine Corps endorsement of sponsors is stated or implied.

Don't forget the golf course's Summer Sizzler Special. This special is in progress throughout the summer with special prices after 1 p.m.

A single player pays only \$15, which includes green fees and cart. Two players pay \$20, which includes green fees and cart.

Tees n' Trees Golf Course is open 6:30 a.m. to dusk every day of the

week. Golf lessons are available. For more information call 577-6431.

Free admission to parks

Military appreciation to all active-duty military personnel from many major entertainment attractions in Southern California is still in progress.

These attractions are offering free tickets to all active-duty service members.

Universal Studios Hollywood offers all active-duty service members free unlimited admission all the days between now through Dec. 19 of this year.

Five family members or friends of each service member will be able to purchase tickets for \$39 for the same unlimited admission all the days between now and Dec. 19.

Disneyland and California Adventure offers active-duty service members a free three-day ticket valid for both Disneyland and California Adventure through Dec. 19 of this year. Each service person may purchase a companion ticket for up to five family members or friends for \$39 each.

Seaworld offers a free single day admission to all active-duty military members including four of their direct family members. This offer is good through Nov. 11 of this year. ITT has the form required for

Seaworld.

Universal Studios Hollywood and Disneyland/California Adventure require only to show up at gate with military ID. To purchase tickets for family members or friends, contact ITT or the individual attraction.

ITT also has water park tickets as well as new vouchers for hotels in the San Diego and Anaheim areas.

For more information call ITT at 577-6541.

A great time to bowl

With prices like these, it is a great time to bowl.

Active-duty personnel pay \$1.25 per game. All others are \$1.50 per game. All shoe rentals are 50 cents.

Come on down and check out the Bowling Center. There is lots of fun and activities every day.

The Bowling Center is open Wednesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 577-6264.

Breakfast hours extended

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is now from 5:30 to 8 a.m. Mondays through Fridays except holidays.

Prices are: Active-duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25. Prices include one beverage with free refill. For more information call 577-6428.

Rumsfeld, Myers praise progress in war on terror

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld stressed the progress the coalition is making in Iraq in the security, political and economic spheres.

Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers spoke at a Pentagon press conference recently. Myers reported on his recent trip to the region – including stops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Rumsfeld said the security situation in Iraq has improved. The deaths of Saddam Hussein’s sons Uday and Qusay have served as a catalyst to convince average Iraqis that the Baathist regime is not coming back. “As a result, more Iraqis are coming forward to help as the coalition works to get the country back on a path to stability and self-government,” Rumsfeld said.

As more Iraqis deliver information, coalition forces follow with raids that have netted hundreds of Baath Party supporters, ammunition and weapons, he said. Coalition forces have also captured or killed 38 of the 55 “most wanted” leaders of the former regime

and “the forces have confiscated millions of dollars – money that could have been used ... to pay dead-enders to ambush American and British troops.”

There have been impressive strides on the political side as well, Rumsfeld noted. Many cities and towns have set up councils that work with coalition forces to govern the areas. At the national level, the Iraqi Governing Council has met and is taking charge. It is working to find and appoint people to lead the various ministries in a reconstituted Iraq and will soon begin the process for a new Iraqi constitution.

Myers also spoke about conditions in the region. He traveled to Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, India, Pakistan and Oman in late July. He said he wanted to get a “feel for the pulse of the coalition operations” in the region.

The general said the most important “takeaway” in Iraq was that coalition forces are making “incredible, remarkable strides toward the security and stability of Iraq.”

He stated that U.S. soldiers “understand the mission, understand why they are in Iraq and they understand the greater mission in which the war in Iraq is just one part.”

“I couldn’t be more impressed with our forces or with their progress in Iraq,” he

said. He acknowledged that more needs to be done and that the conditions for American forces are still dangerous and primitive.

Myers said that in India he met with his counterpart and discussed improving military-to-military ties. In Pakistan, he discussed operations along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. These operations are designed to track down the remnants of the Taliban and al Qaeda still in the area.

In Afghanistan, Myers visited a provincial reconstruction team in the outpost of Gardez. The area was the heart of the al Qaeda-Taliban movement. “The PRTs not only create a positive effect on how the Afghan people view the coalition, but in how the people view their government,” he said. “As in Iraq, I was impressed with the mission accomplishments that we’re making.”

“In general, the biggest shortcoming from Iraq to Afghanistan is not the accomplishment of the mission as much as it is getting the word out about the successes we’re achieving every day.”



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Jason Martinez, pitcher for PMO, sends Gregory Horn of Comm an offering during the Marine Corps Ball Softball Tournament Friday at Sorensen Field. ASD won the tournament against PMO in the championship.